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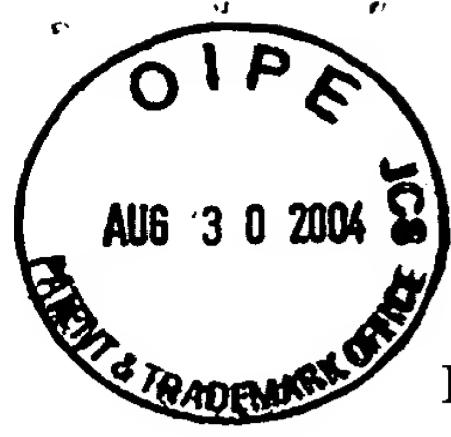
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Claims 1-8 remain in the application and claims 9 - 20 have been withdrawn. No new matter has been added and no additional fees have been incurred by way of this amendment.